

# Next Big Thing

## Youth Scholarship Tournament June 13 - 15, 2025

### Tournament Rules

1. Tournament shall be USBC certified and open to all USBC sanctioned bowlers as follows:  
U12 (8/1/12 or later), U15 (8/1/09 - 7/31/12), U18 (8/1/06 - 7/31/09), and U22 (8/1/02 - 7/31/06).

2. Tournament will consist of a singles scratch event.

#### 3. ENTRY FEE/SIGN UP

Cash or check will be accepted the DAY OF the tournament only. Venmo will be accepted prior to OR day of the event. A **pre-sign up** (bowler's name + division & USBC #) is suggested.

Pre-sign up: [TournamentBowl.com](http://TournamentBowl.com), select Tournaments Upcoming/Next Big Thing. Click on **ENTRY FORM** in green.

\$100.00 Entry fee includes: Friday dual pro session, college coaches seminar, official practice session short & long pattern, food for tournament participants (\$10 per person additional), Friday night fun adult/youth bakers doubles event.

Maximum 96 entries. Walk-in entries will be accepted, provided there are available spots remaining.

Bowlers who are unable to attend the tournament for which they have signed up in advance must notify the Tournament Manager prior to the tournament.

#### 4. PRIZE FUND

All scholarship funds for the U12, U15 and U18 divisions, will be returned 100% and deposited into the bowler's SMART. U22 division will have an option. The Next Big Thing will follow USBC rules and that an adult USBC member can receive cash if they would prefer not to have their winnings deposited into their SMART account. Collegiate rules may apply. Top 8 in each division will be guaranteed pay out. Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each division. Scholarship certificates awarded to 4th-8th.

#### 5. FORMAT

All bowlers will roll six (6) qualifying games on a **SHORT** oil pattern, followed by 6 games on a **LONG** oil pattern. Patterns will be announced prior to the event and posted at the bowling center the day of the event. After 12 games of qualifying on Saturday, the top 8 in the U12 & U22 divisions will move onto Sunday's Match Play (top 12 if based on # of participants). Top 12 in the U15 & U18 divisions will move onto Sunday's Match Play. All divisions will remain mixed boys and girls. Sunday Match Play will be best of 3, single elimination. Sunday Match Play will be on a **MEDIUM** oil pattern. All ties will have a 9th and 10th frame rolloff. If still tied, 9th and 10th frame roll-offs will continue until there is a winner.

**LANE MOVEMENT:** After one (1) game, all bowlers will move right, skipping one (1) pair.

#### 6. DRESS CODE

Bowlers **MUST** wear a polo shirt, sash or butterfly collar, or mock t-shirt. Male bowlers **MUST** wear dress pants or dress shorts. Female bowlers may wear skirts, slacks or dress shorts. Skirts and shorts must be fingertip length when arms are down on the sides. Ordinary cotton T-shirts will not be allowed. Absolutely **NO JEANS** of any color or **HATS** of any type will be permitted.

#### 7. CODE OF CONDUCT/BEHAVIOR

**Cell phones/Headphones/AirPods:** the use of electronics is prohibited during gameplay. Cell phones may only be used as a calculator after each round.

**Unsportsmanlike Behavior:** this behavior will not be tolerated on the lanes or inside the tournament venue. Individuals are subject to ejection for engaging in improper tactics or conduct, including, but not limited to physical and verbal abuse toward other persons.

**Profanity:** No profanity is allowed on or off the lanes.

**Alcohol:** No alcohol is allowed during the competition.

ONLY bowlers, scorekeepers and tournament officials will be allowed in the bowling area.

8. All rules are subject to change at the discretion of the tournament manager.

Please contact your tournament manager for further questions or concerns.

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